

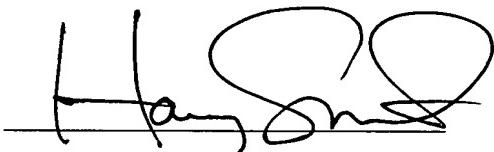
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REMARKS

The Applicant hereby elects claims 1-7 and 21 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits. In accordance therewith, the Applicant has canceled claims 8-20. Claims 8-20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and the Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to continue the prosecution of these claims to allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to favorably consider and allow all of the pending claims 1-7 and 21. An early notification of the allowability of claims 1-7 and 21 is earnestly solicited.

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